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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider references which have come to Applicant's attention. The references are as follows.

DE 199 32 678 A1 has been cited in a German Search Report of the corresponding German application. Applicant also cites US 6,231,264 which is an equivalent U.S. patent. Applicant further attaches an English language abstract for DE 199 32 678 A1.

DE 702 442 has been cited in a German Search Report of the corresponding German application. The reference discloses a joint for suspension of a motor vehicle. The joint includes a bearing with a threaded element. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

DE 40 33 805 A1 has been cited in a German Search Report of the corresponding German application. This reference discloses an elastic bearing for a vehicle with an elliptical housing. The bearing pieces 2a-d are separated along planes including a second vertical plane

orthogonal in relation to a primary plane 4. A container 3 contains a roller bearing. The container has flanges for fixing the roller bearing rings or the roller. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

US 3,007,729 has been cited in a German Search Report of the corresponding German application. This reference discloses an adjustable ball and stud unit.

DE 41 00 296 C1 has been cited in a German Search Report of the corresponding German application. This reference discloses an independent wheel suspension. Applicant also cites US 5,338,055 which appears to be an English language equivalent document. Applicant further attaches an English language abstract for DE 41 00 296 C1.

EP 1 034 949 A2 has been cited in the International Search Report under Category A with the abstract and Figures 1 and 2 indicated to be relevant to International Claims 1-3. The reference discloses a link for a motor vehicle wheel suspension. Applicant also cited U.S. 6,305,699 which is the English language equivalent patent.

US 6,231,264 has been cited as technological background with Figures 5-7 indicated to be relevant to International Claim 1.

EP 1 120 299 A1 has been cited under Category A as technological background with Figures 3 and 5 indicated to be relevant to Figure 1.

DE 25 20947 has been cited as technological background with Figures 14-16 and 19 indicated to be relevant. The reference discloses a bearing. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

US 5,033,722 has been cited under Category A as technological background. The

reference discloses a resilient mount assembly.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>US 6,231,264 B1</u>	<u>MAY 15, 2001</u>	<u>McLAUGHLIN et al.</u>			<u>Nov. 12, 1998</u>
	<u>US 5,338,055</u>	<u>AUG. 16, 1994</u>	<u>MAUZ</u>			<u>Jan. 8, 1992</u>
	<u>US 6,305,699 B1</u>	<u>OCT. 23, 2001</u>	<u>KÖNIG</u>			<u>Mar. 10, 2000</u>
	<u>US 5,033,722</u>	<u>JULY 23, 1991</u>	<u>LAMMERS</u>			<u>Aug. 21, 1989</u>
	<u>US 3,007,729</u>	<u>NOV. 7, 1961</u>	<u>CARLSON</u>			<u>Nov. 9, 1959</u>

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	<u>EP 1 034 949 A2</u>	<u>SEPT. 13, 2000</u>	<u>EUROPE</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>EP 1 120 299 A1</u>	<u>AUG. 1, 2001</u>	<u>EUROPE</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>DE 199 32 678 A1</u>	<u>May 18, 2000</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>DE 702 442</u>	<u>JAN. 16, 1941</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>DE 40 33 805 A1</u>	<u>APR. 30, 1992</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>DE 41 00 296 C1</u>	<u>JUNE 11, 1992</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>			<u>NO</u>
	<u>DE 25 20 947</u>	<u>DEC. 18, 1975</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>			<u>NO</u>

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